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**DR. STARLINE**

Threat Level: 7/10

Disgraced Dr. Eggman protégé.



**ZAVOK**

Threat Level: 10/10

Plan to take over the world ruined, in part, by Eggman.



**MIMIC**

Threat Level: 8/10

Failed mercenary on the run.



**ROUGH**

Threat Level: 3/10

Occasional Eggman lackey, just along for the ride.



**TUMBLE**

Threat Level: 3/10

Occasional Eggman lackey, in it for the weapons.



DR. EGGMAN'S  
EGGNET HUB.

DID  
YOU *REALLY*  
THINK YOU COULD  
BETRAY US  
SO EASILY,  
DOCTOR?

WE HAVE  
EVERYTHING  
WE WANT  
NOW...

...EXCEPT  
YOUR  
HIDE!







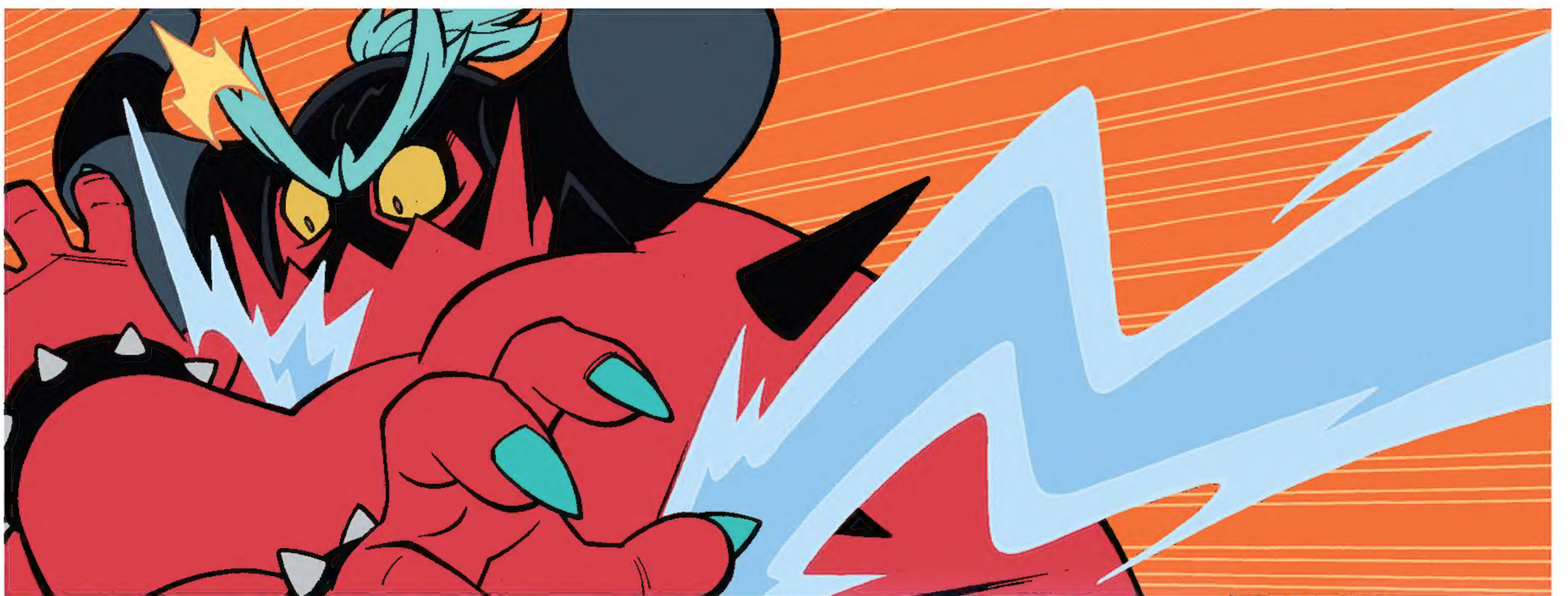




I  
WILL  
END  
HIM!



YOU'D  
HAVE TO  
CATCH ME  
FIRST.



HE'S  
FAST,  
TOO?!

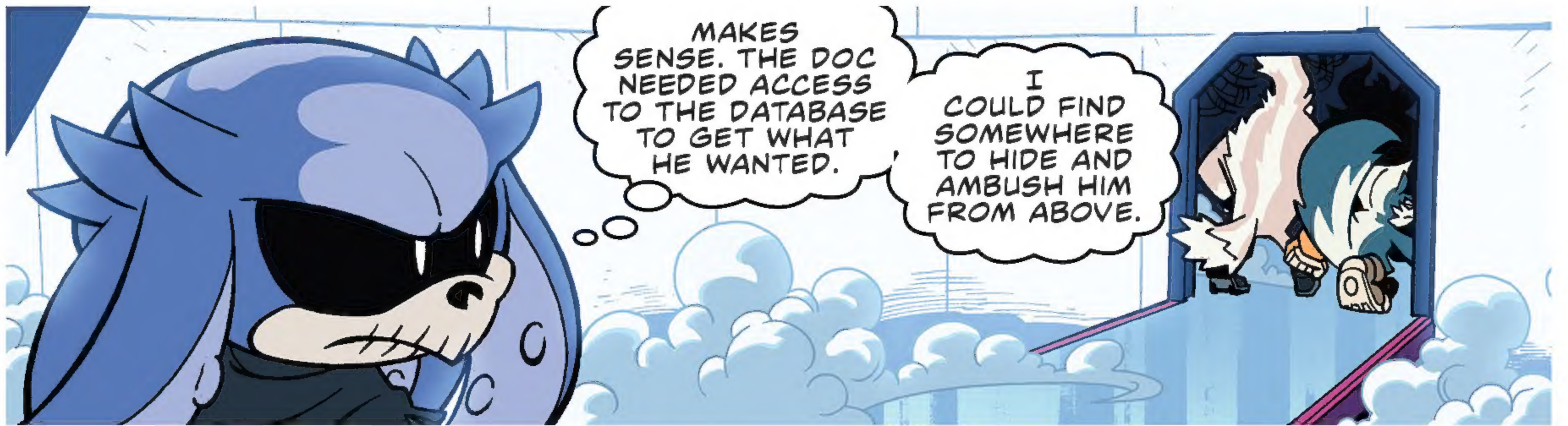
NO, YOU  
IDIOT! HE  
MADE A BETTER  
VERSION OF THE  
GEARS HE GAVE  
US. HE CAN GET  
ALL THREE KINDS  
OF BOOSTS WHILE  
WE ONLY GET  
ONE.



MIMIC!  
STAY HERE  
IN CASE HE  
DOUBLE-  
BACKS.

ROUGH!  
TUMBLE!  
YOU'RE  
WITH ME.  
WE HUNT.









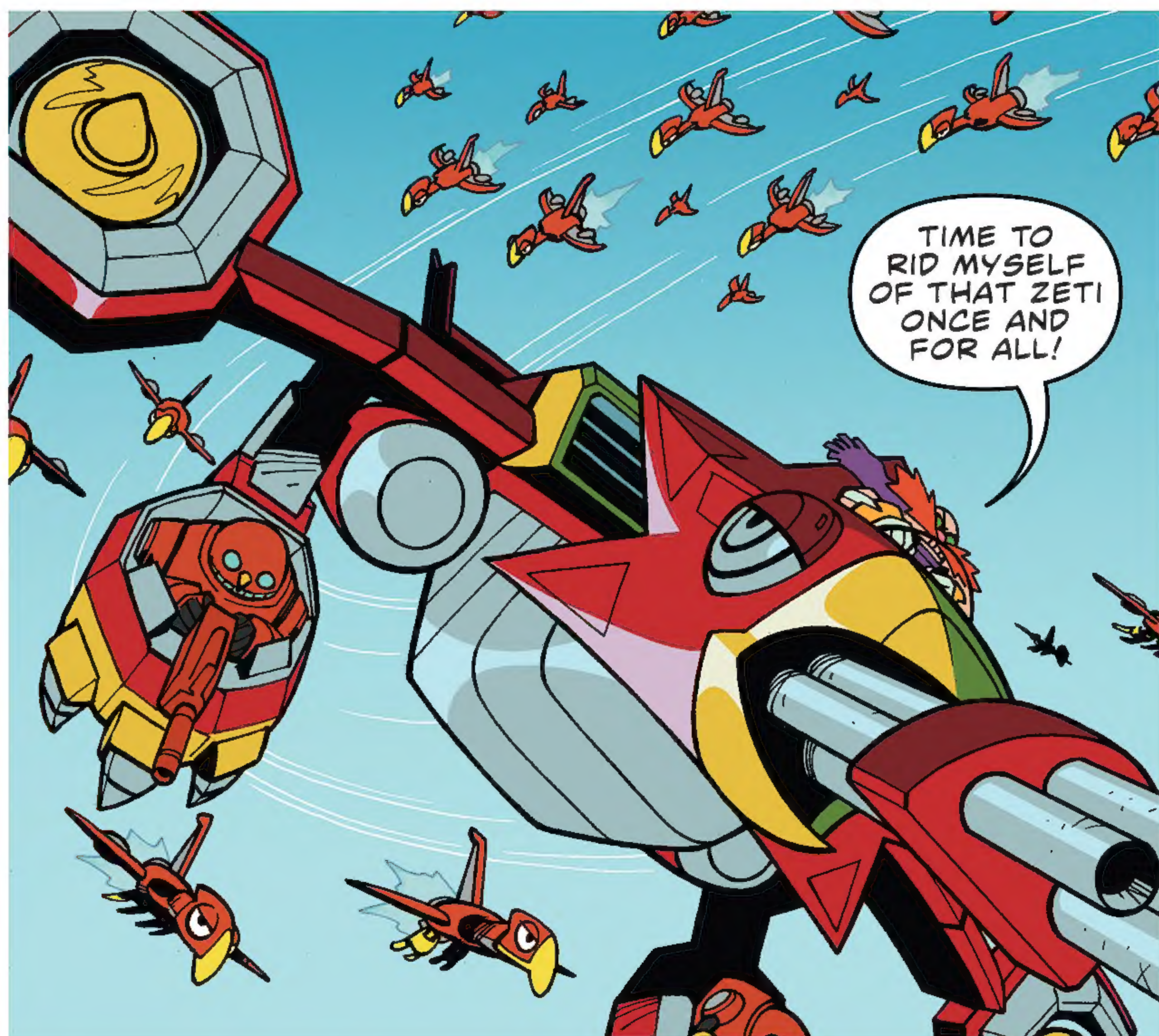
THAT ALERT JUST CLEARED AS FALSE. BUT IF YOU'D PREFER TO LET ZAVOK RUN LOOSE IN AN EGGNET HUB...

**WHAT?!**

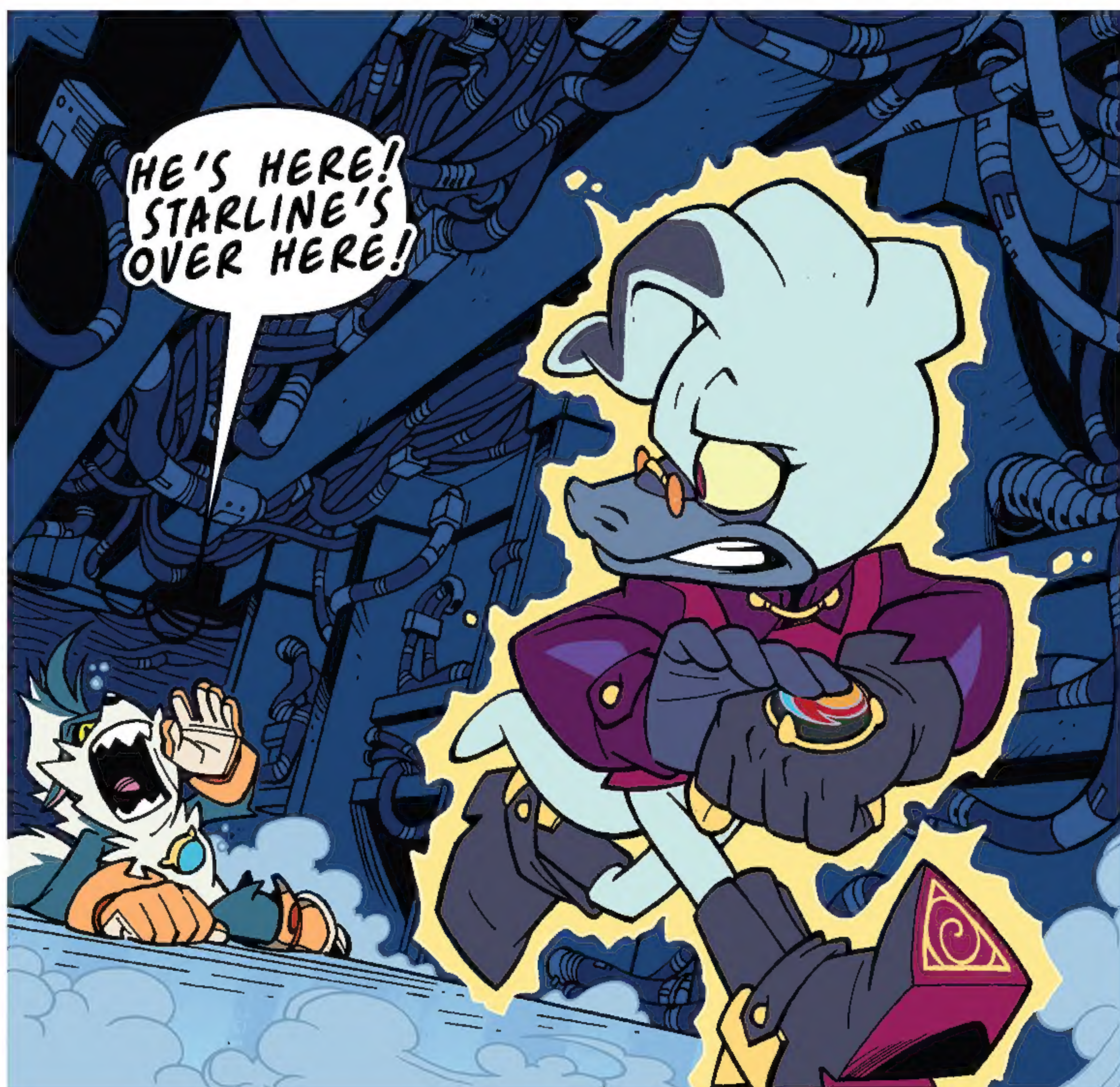
FORWARDING THE FEED NOW.



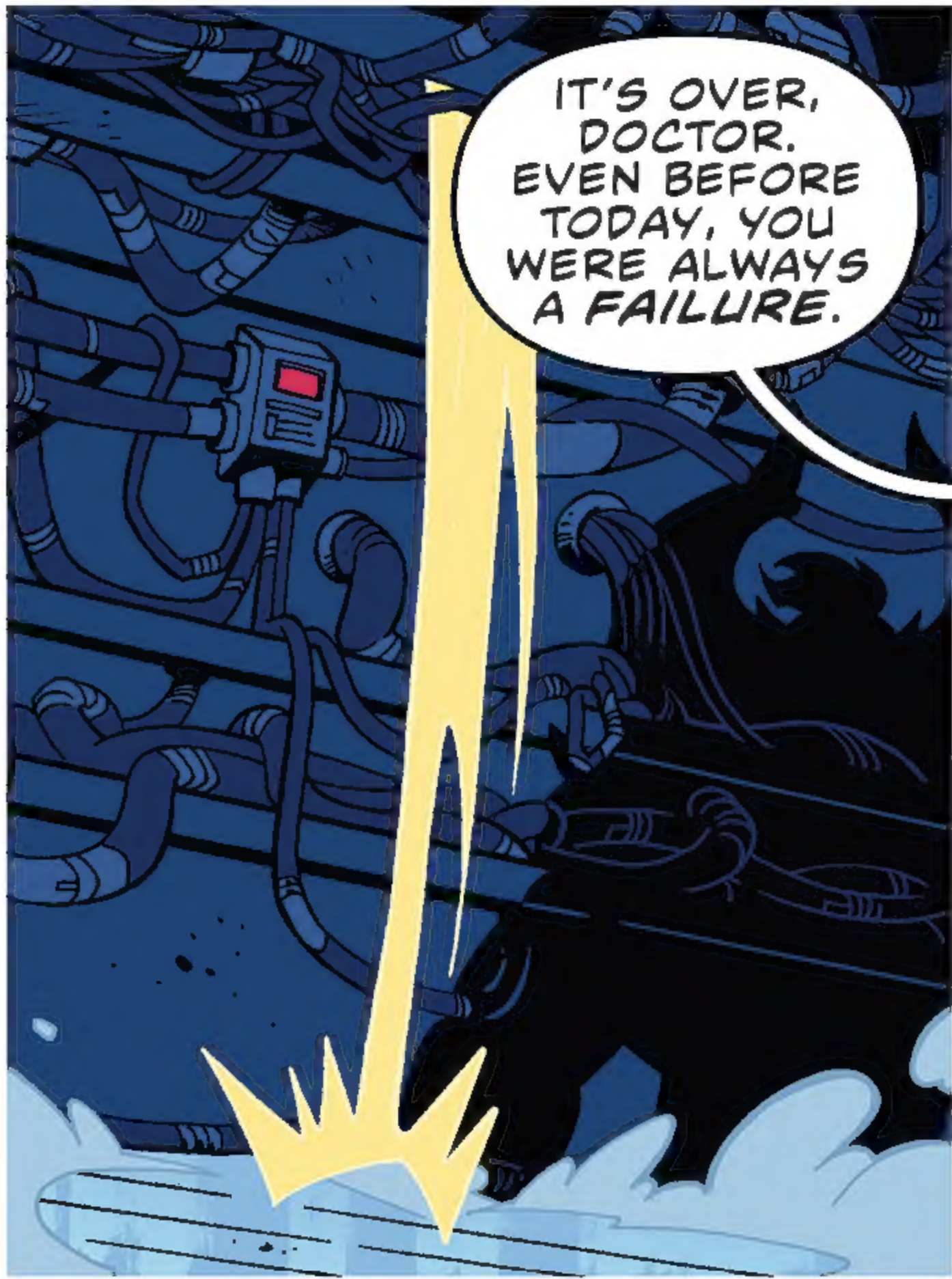
ALL SQUADRONS FORM UP ON ME! EXTRA THRUSTERS!















HE'S RIGHT. ALL THIS TIME--ALL MY LIFE--I'VE MODELED MYSELF ON DR. EGGMAN.

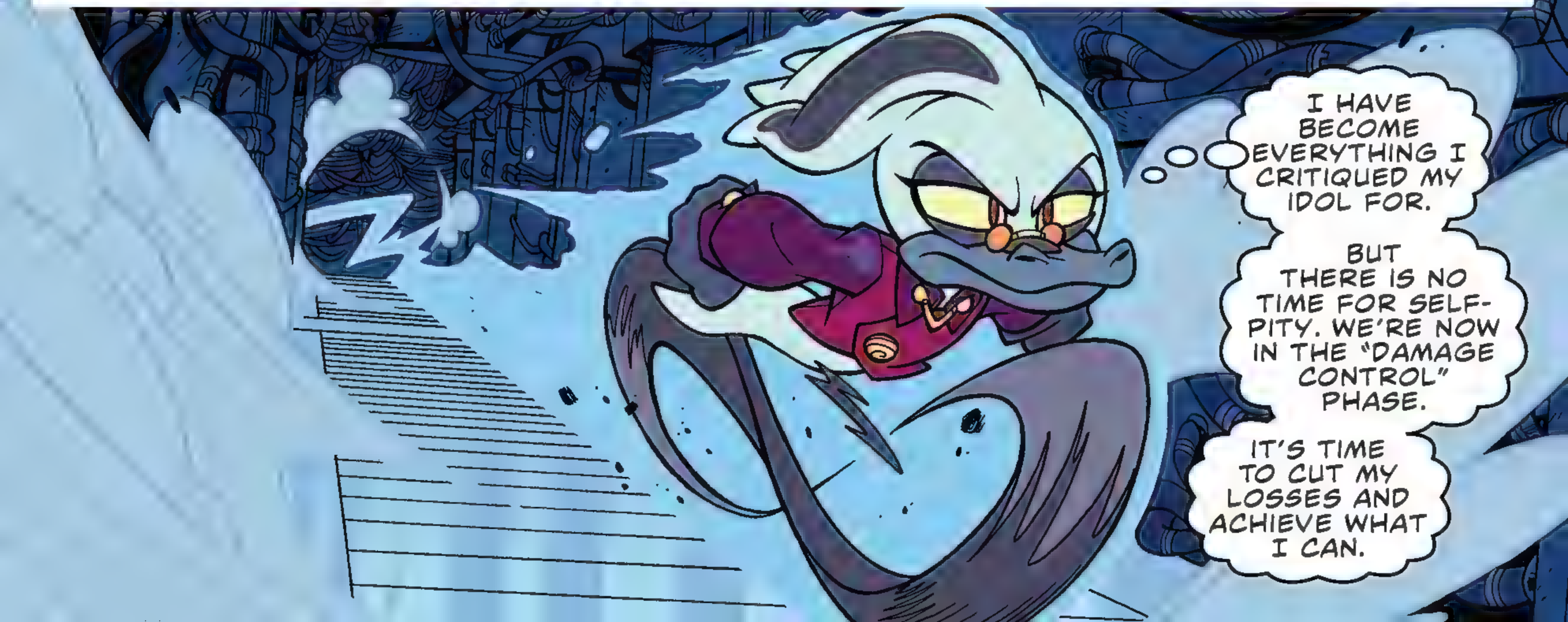


I'VE LET HIS WAYS INFLUENCE MY OWN. EVEN IF I TRY TO PLAN AROUND HIS SHORT-COMINGS, MY METHODOLOGY IS INHERENTLY FLAWED.



I LET MY VENDETTA AGAINST ZAVOK BLIND ME JUST AS THE DOCTOR IS DISTRACTED BY SONIC.

I WAS TOO QUICK TO DISCARD MY ASSETS, JUST AS HE BRASHLY HAD ME CAST ASIDE.

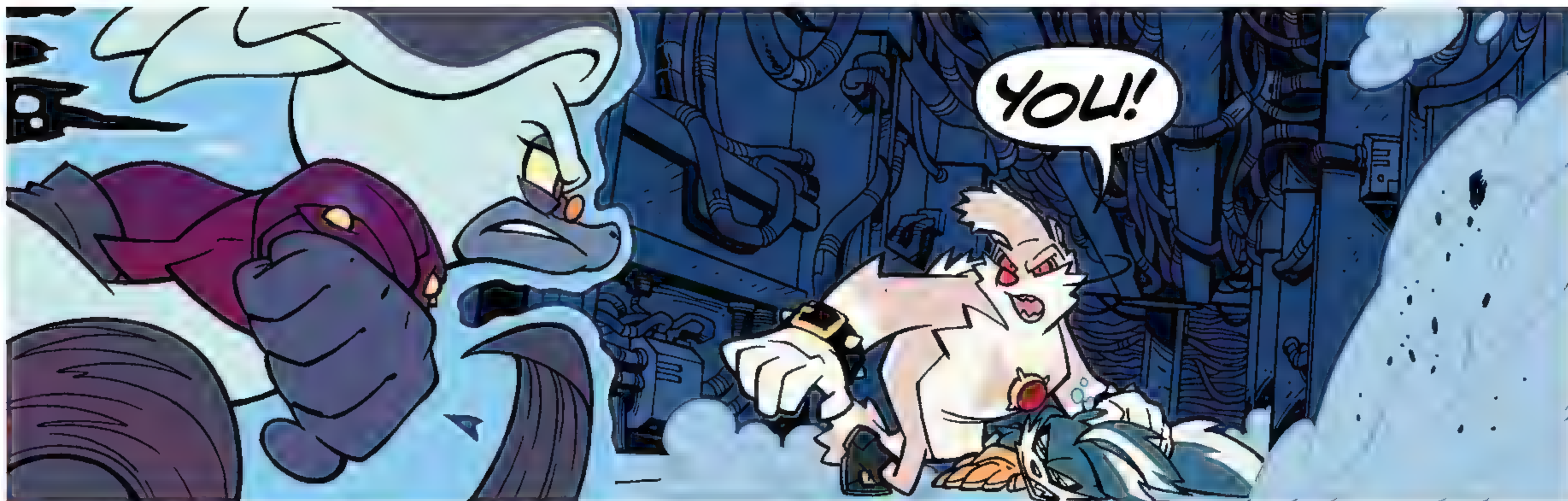


I HAVE BECOME EVERYTHING I CRITIQUED MY IDOL FOR.

BUT THERE IS NO TIME FOR SELF-PITY. WE'RE NOW IN THE "DAMAGE CONTROL" PHASE.

IT'S TIME TO CUT MY LOSSES AND ACHIEVE WHAT I CAN.









I HEARD ZAVOK TELL MIMIC TO GUARD THIS ROOM. SO WHERE IS HE?



BLAST IT ALL... HOW DO YOU SPOT A MASTER OF DISGUISE BEFORE HE AMBUSHES YOU...



...OR TURNS YOUR OWN PLAN AGAINST YOU?! EGGMAN WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE!



DELETE EGG BASE SIGMA FROM THE REGISTRY! CONVERT ITS DEFENSES TO SERVE ME! ERASE ALL CHANGE LOGS!



"AND GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE EGGMAN ARRIVES!"





WHAT ARE YOU IDIOTS DOING?

EASE OFF, Z.

YEAH. STARLINE POISONED US.



THEN EMPOWER YOURSELVES WITH THE CORE GEARS AND WALK IT OFF!

UHH... LOOKS LIKE MINE'S OUTTA JUICE.



**GRRR!**  
THEN GET OUT OF MY WAY! IF YOU'RE TOO INEPT TO HANDLE ONE ENEMY, GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!

HEY! I DON'T SEE YOU CATCHIN' HIM!

YEAH! WE'VE BEEN DOIN' MOST OF THE WORK!



FORGET HIM. FORGET ALL OF THEM! WE DON'T NEED A BOSS OR A TEAM!

THAT'S RIGHT! WE WORK BETTER ALONE!



ALONE TOGETHER FOREVER!

YOU SAID IT!



MIMIC!  
SEARCH FOR  
STARLINE ON  
THE SECURITY  
FEED.

MIMIC?  
MIMIC?!



WHY AM I NOT  
SURPRISED?

NO MATTER.  
I WILL USE THE  
MACHINE TO FIND  
LEADS ON MY  
DEADLY SIX. WE  
WILL RALLY  
AND...



HELLO,  
ZAVOK!  
COME OUT AND  
PLA-AY!



WHO DID THIS?  
STARLINE? MIMIC?  
DOES IT MATTER AT  
THIS POINT?

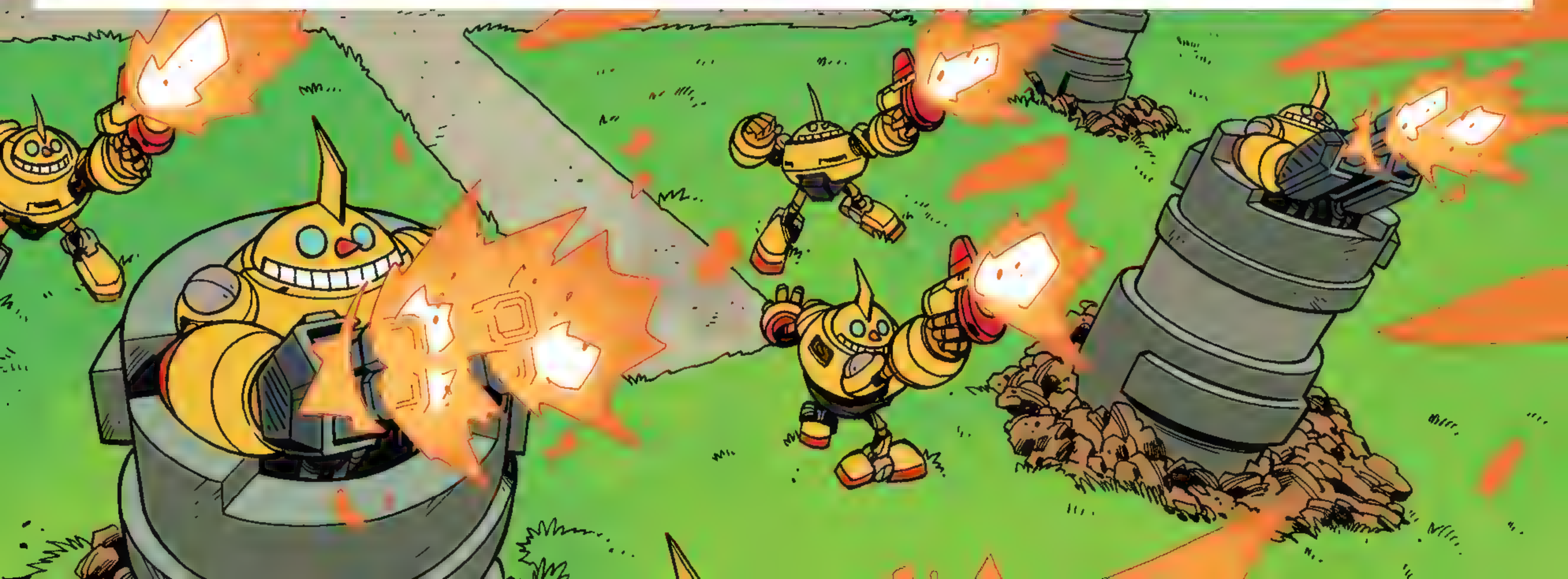
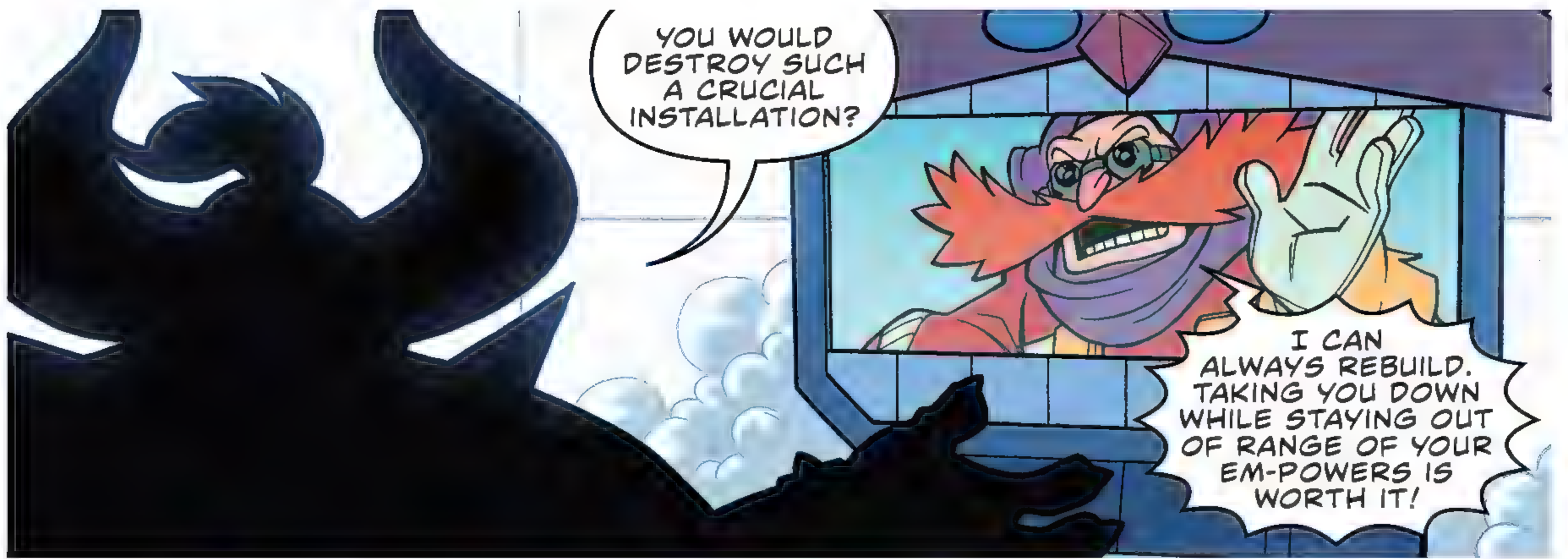


THE  
CACOPHONIC  
CONCH WAS  
LOST WITH THE  
FACESHIP.\* YOU  
HAVE NO MEANS  
OF SUBDUING  
ME.



WHO SAID  
ANYTHING ABOUT  
"SUBDUING"? YOU'RE  
TRESPASSING! AND  
TRESPASSERS WILL  
BE VAPORIZED!

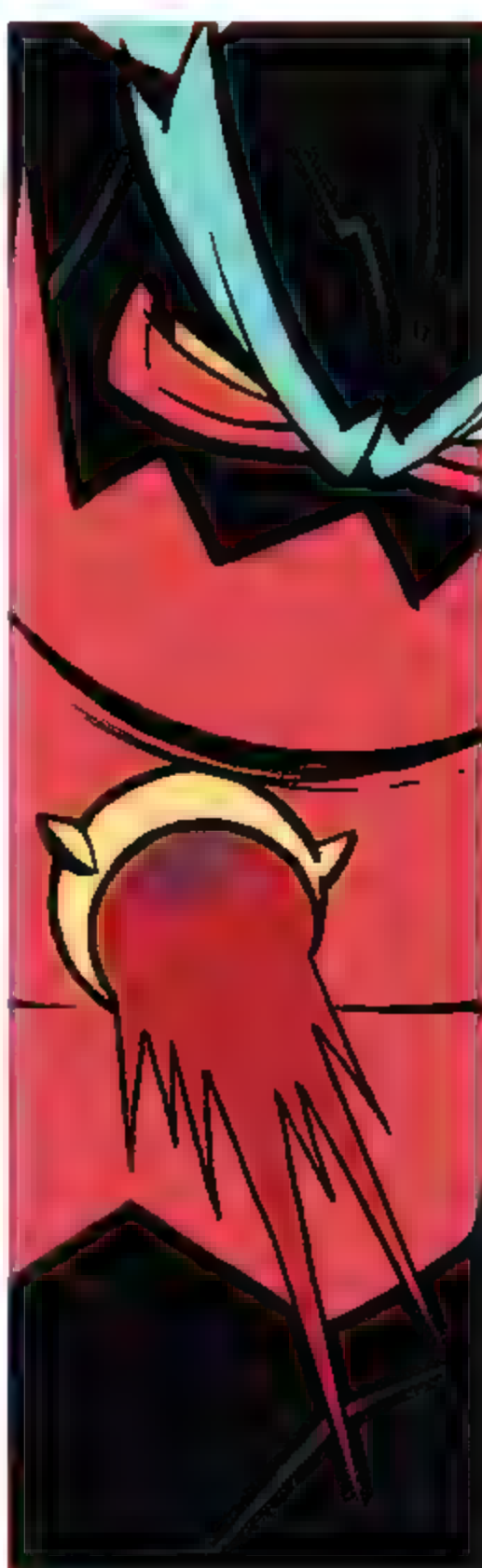
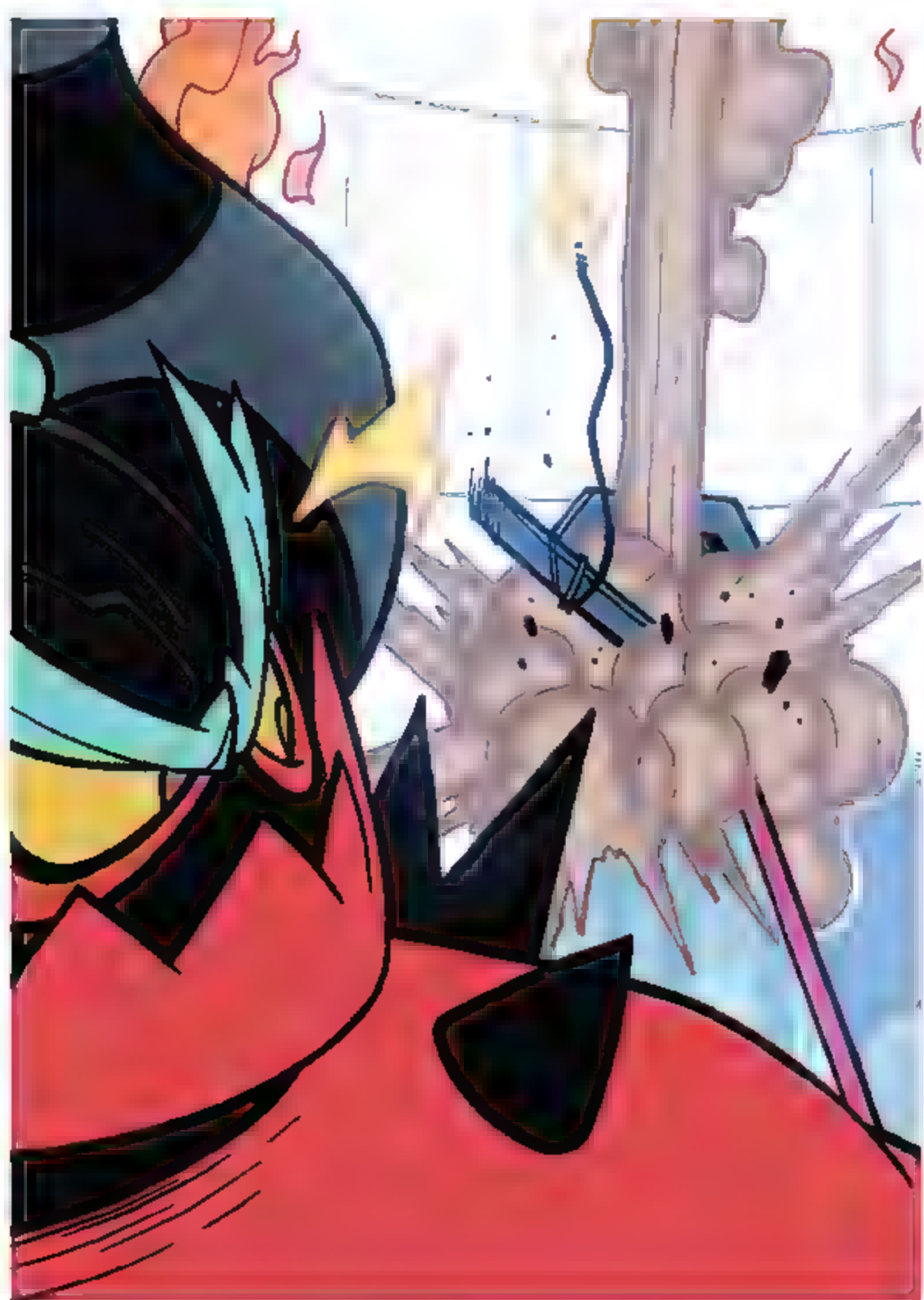
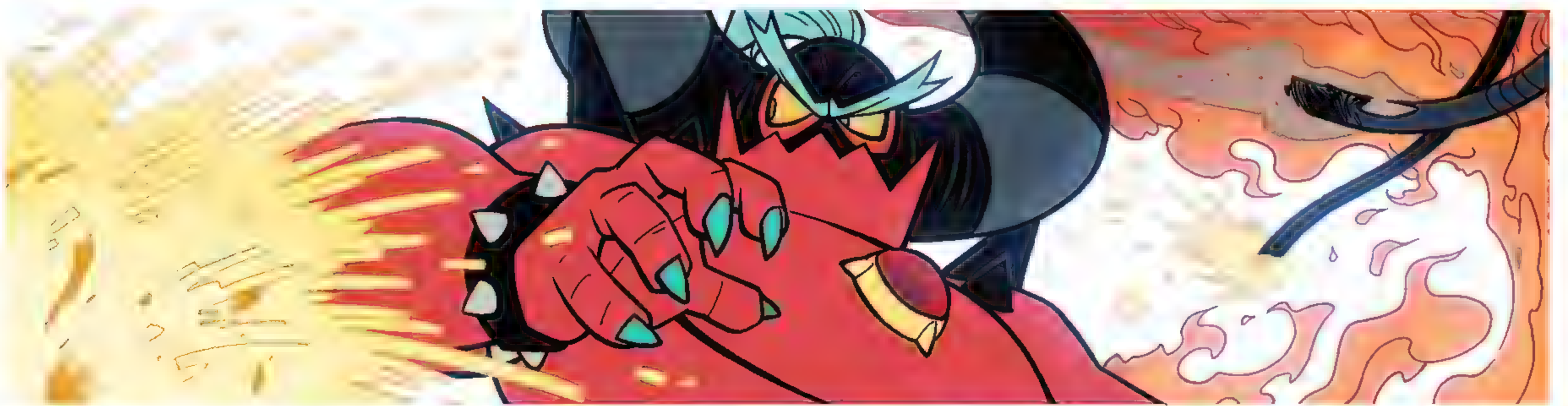
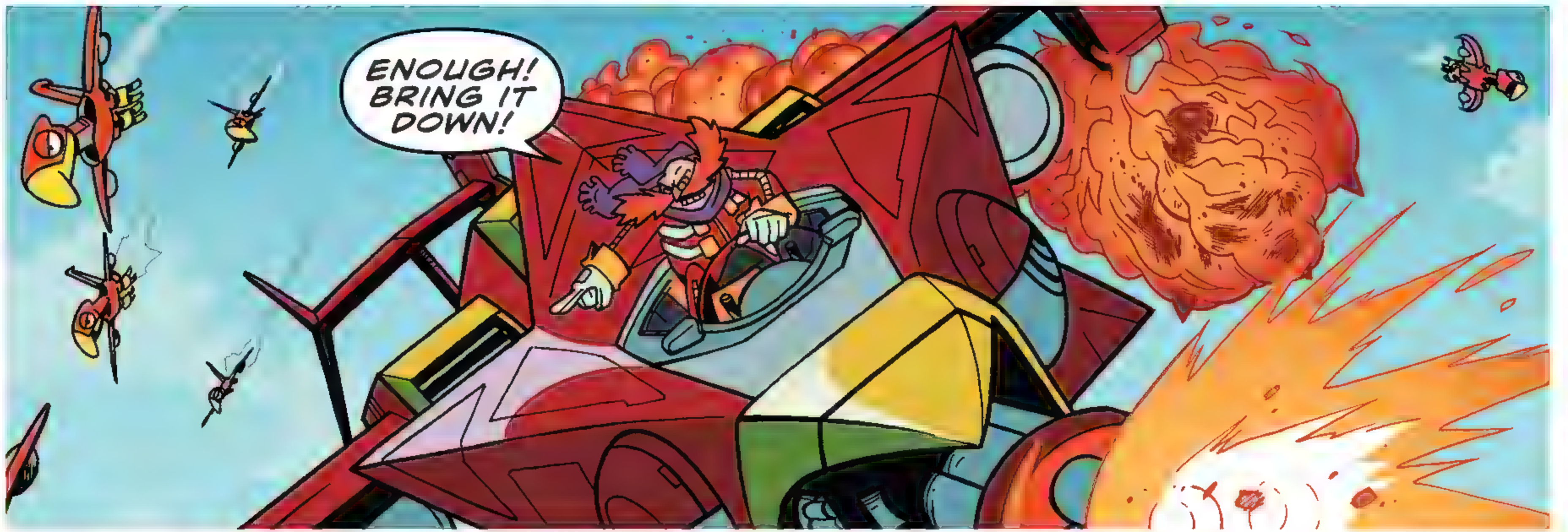




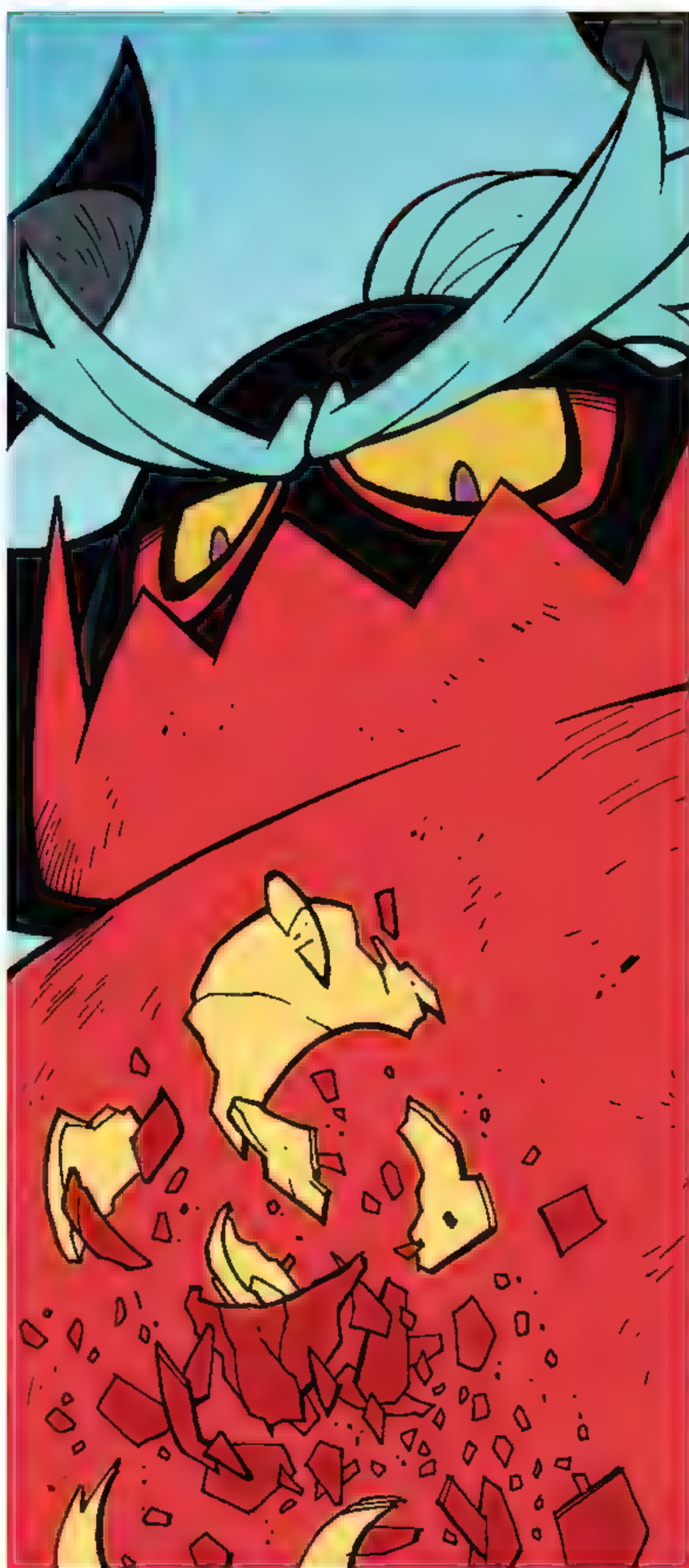
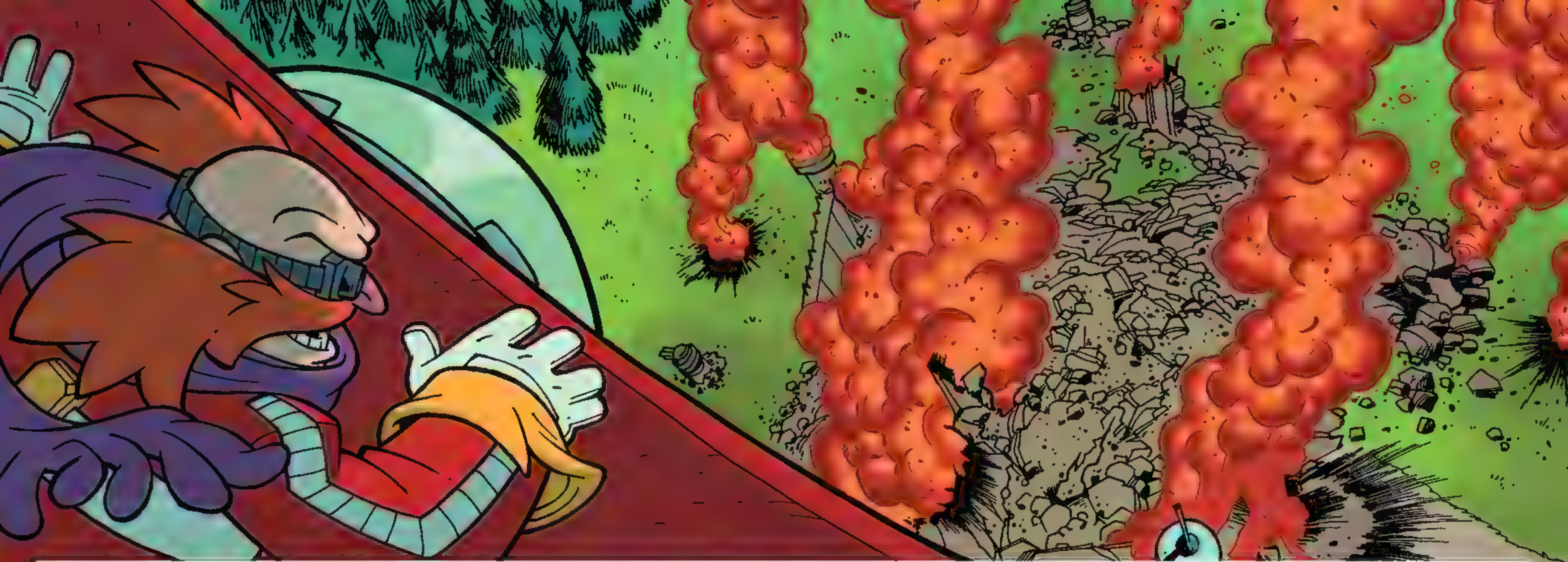




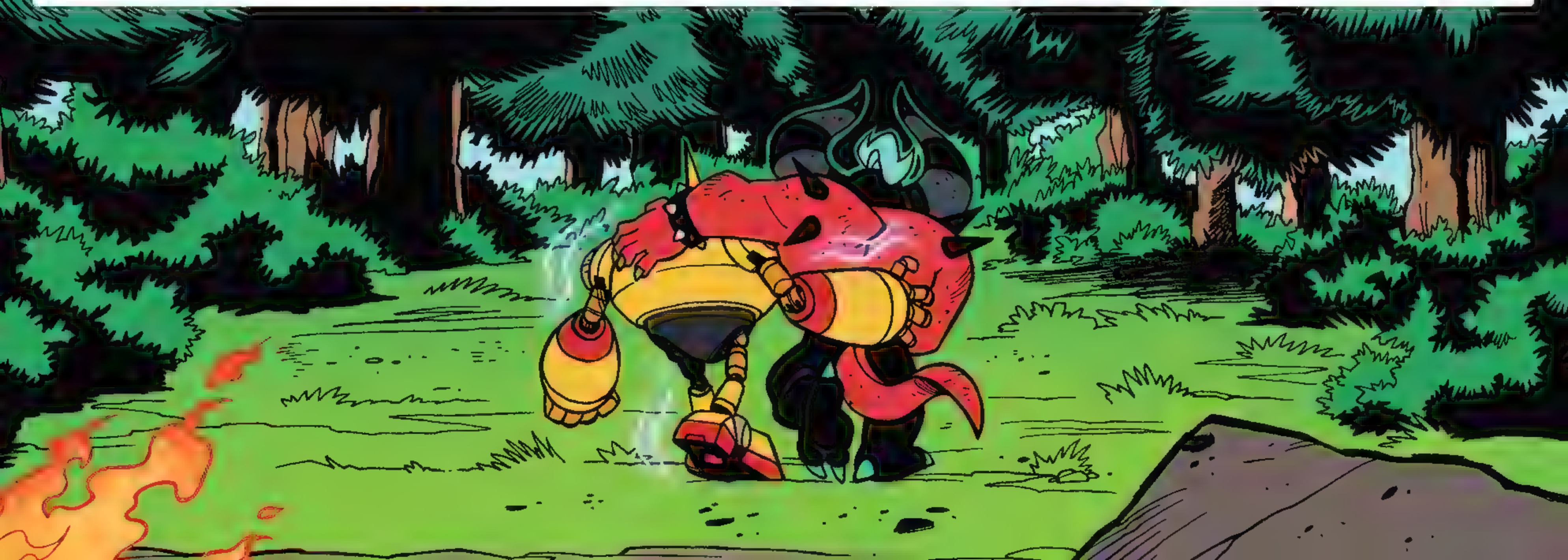
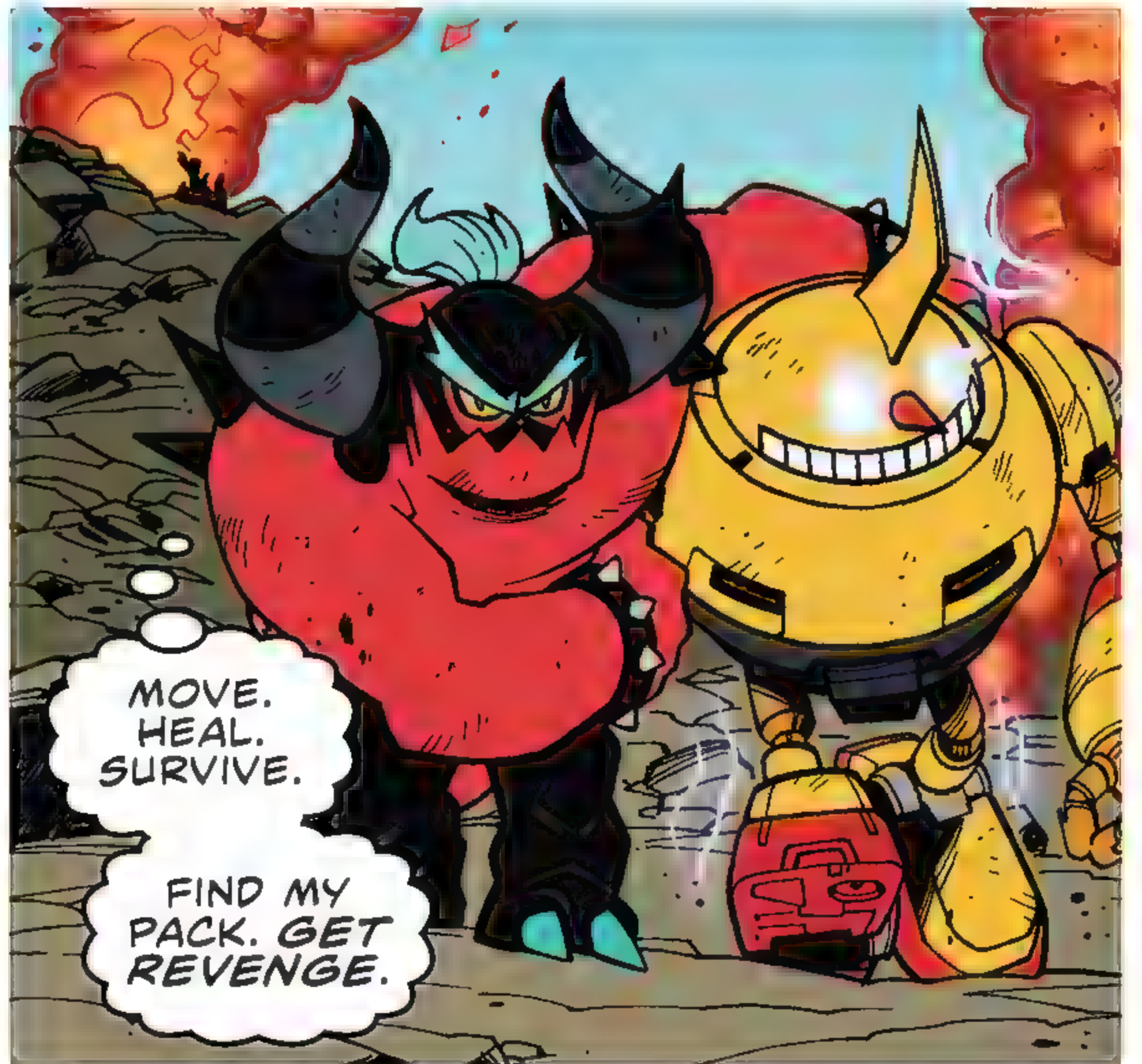
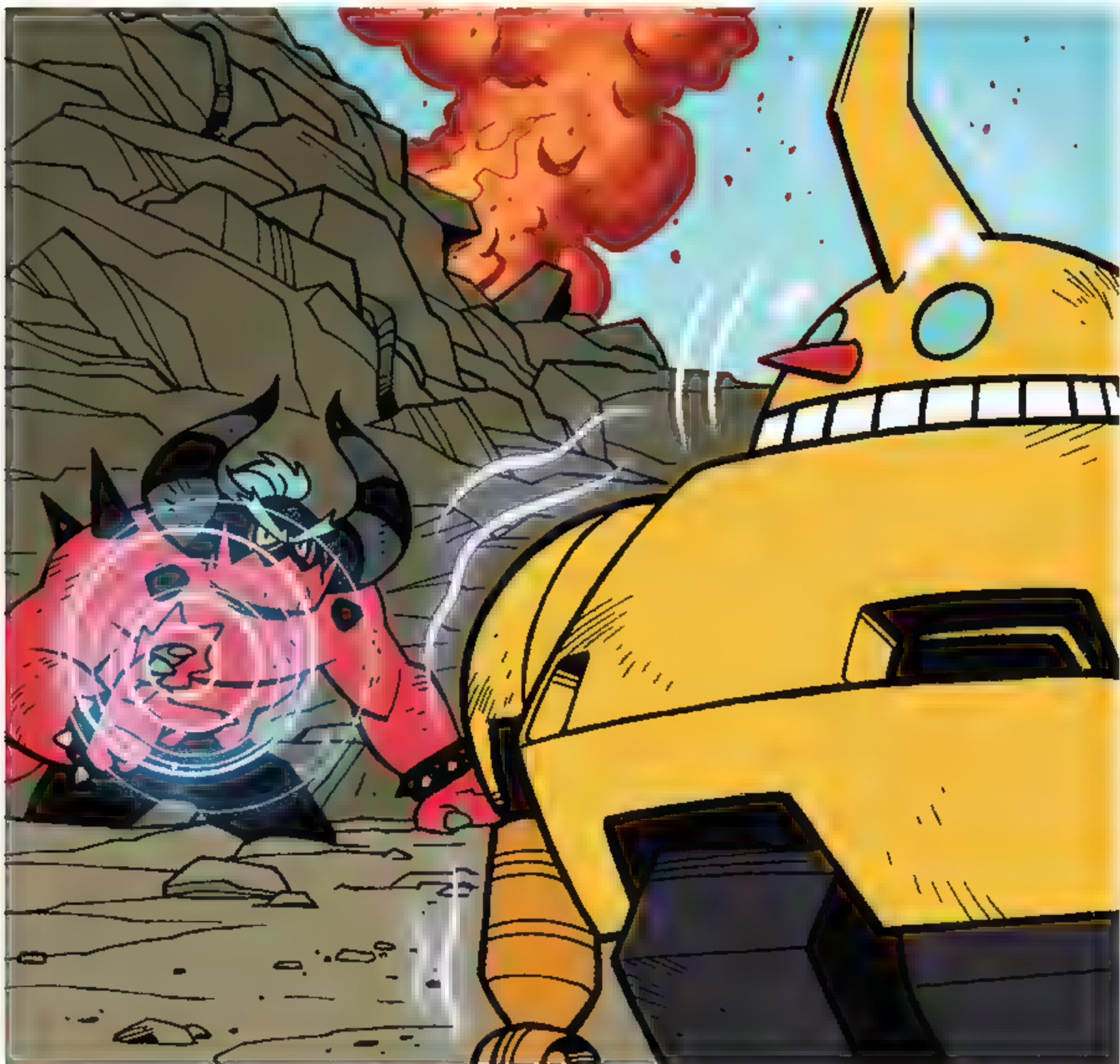
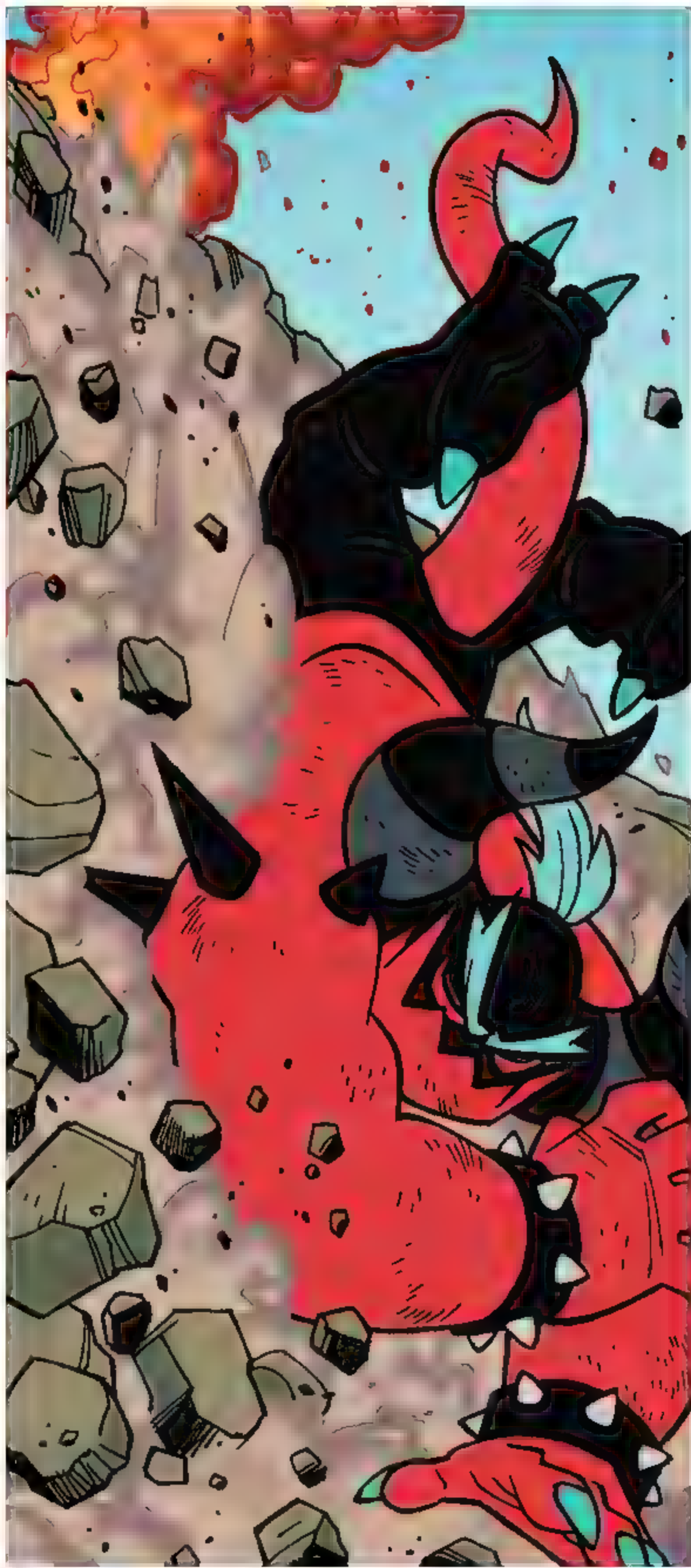














LATER.  
DR. EGGMAN'S HQ.

...AND THERE  
WAS NO SIGN OF  
ZAVOK. HE DIDN'T  
EVEN GIVE US A  
FORWARDING  
ADDRESS.

SO ZAVOK IS  
STILL OUT THERE  
SOMEWHERE.  
WONDERFUL.

AT LEAST WE  
HAVE AN ANSWER  
FOR ALL THE ODD  
RAIDS LATELY.

AN  
UNSATISFYING  
ANSWER.

ZAVOK ISN'T TECH-SAVVY.  
HE DOESN'T KNOW  
ANYTHING ABOUT MY  
INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHY TARGET  
THE POWER CORE  
FACTORY AND  
EGGNET HUB? HOW  
DID HE EVEN KNOW  
WHERE THEY  
WERE?

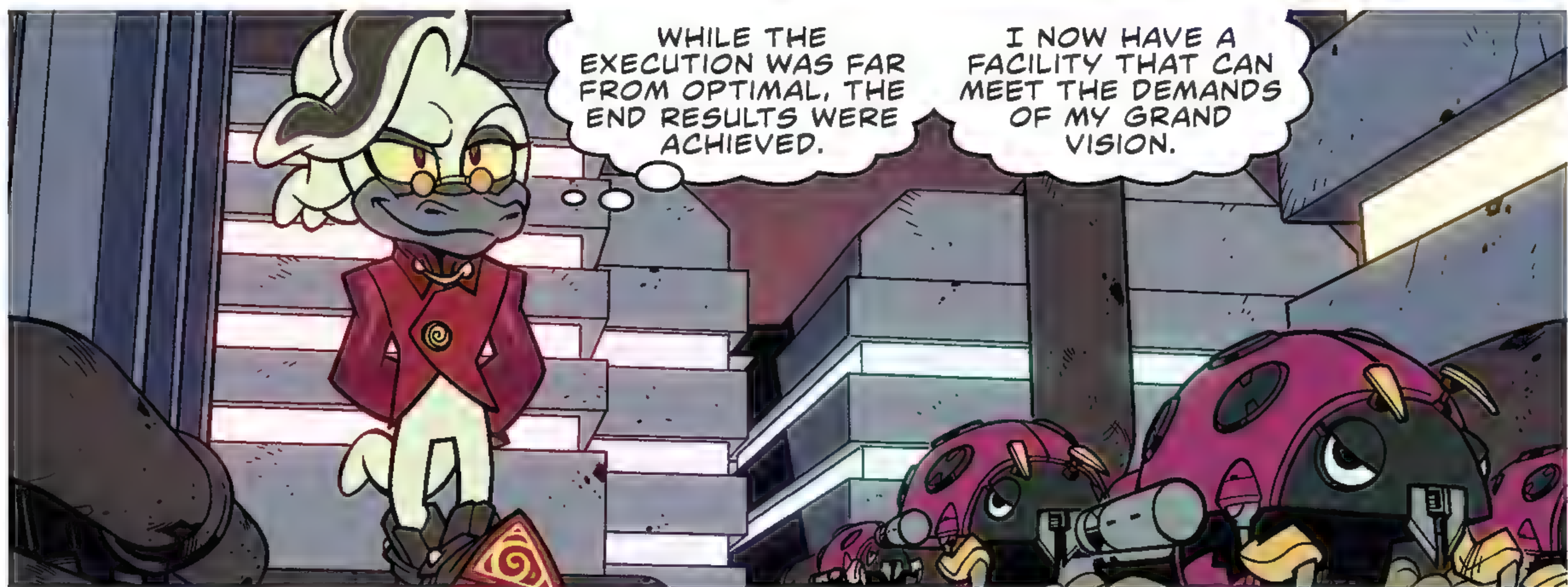
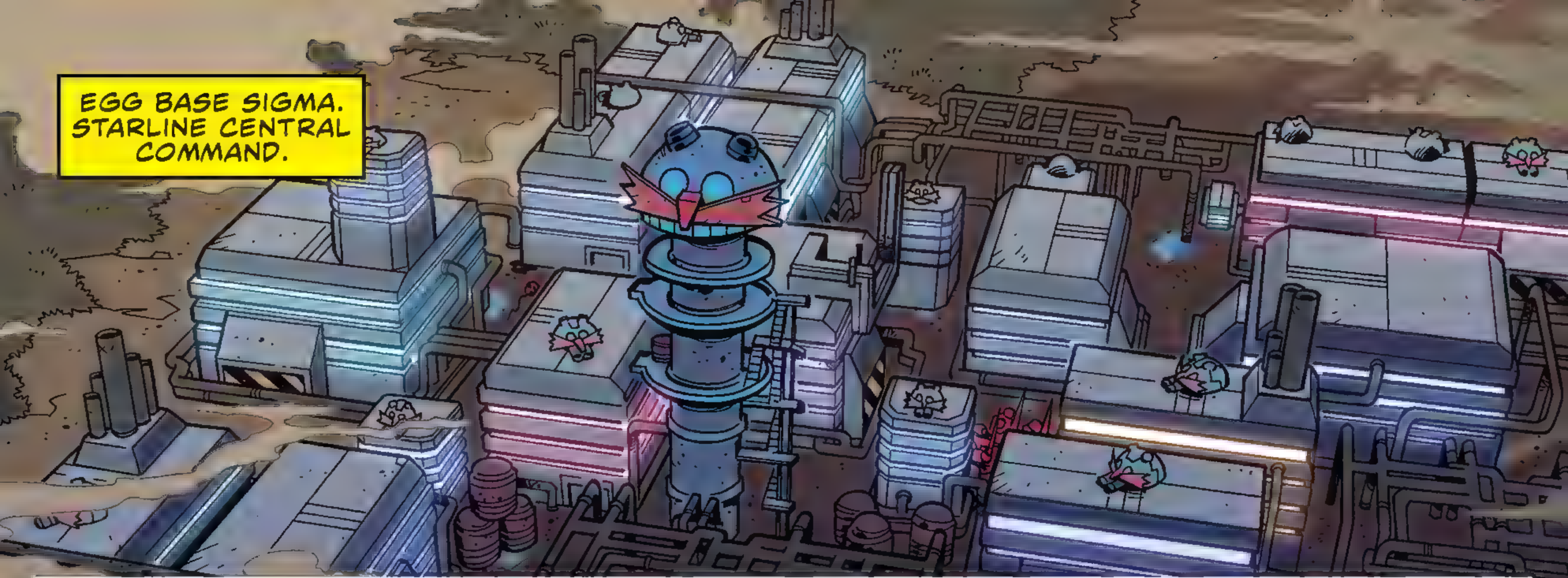
ARE THESE  
RHETORICAL  
QUESTIONS,  
OR...?

WHAT I'M  
GETTING AT IS  
THIS ISN'T HOW  
HE OPERATES!  
YES, HE WAS  
INVOLVED, BUT  
**SOMETHING  
ELSE** WAS  
GOING ON.

SOMEBODY  
**ELSE** IS  
MAKING MOVES  
AGAINST ME. AND  
RIGHT NOW I  
CAN'T BE SURE  
**WHO** IT IS, OR  
**WHAT** THEY'RE  
PLANNING.

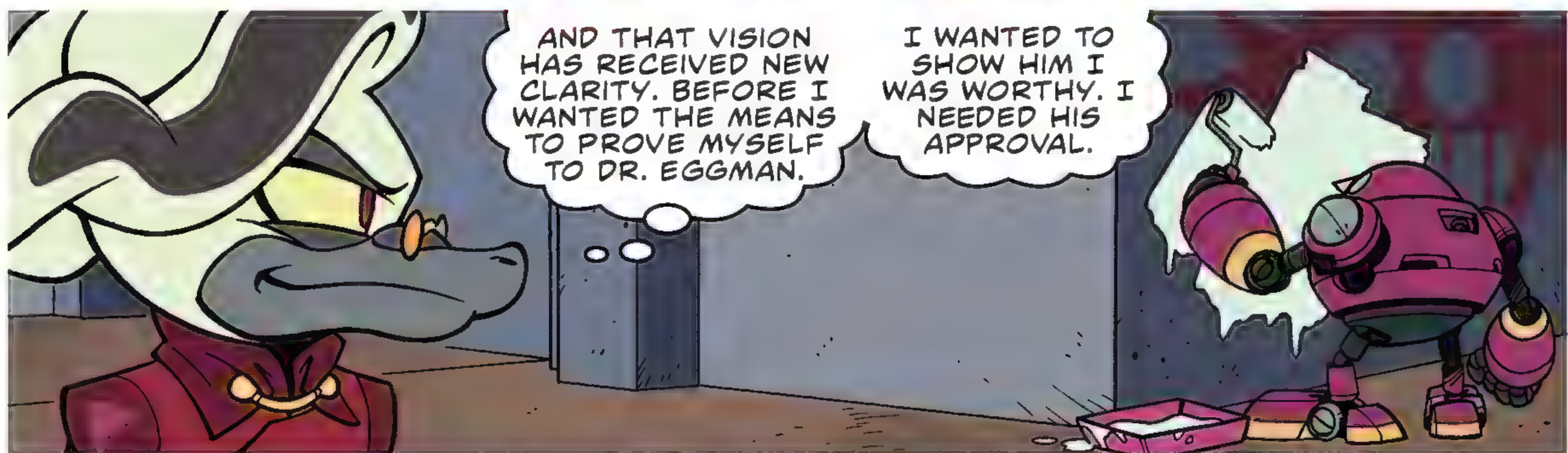


EGG BASE SIGMA.  
STARLINE CENTRAL  
COMMAND.



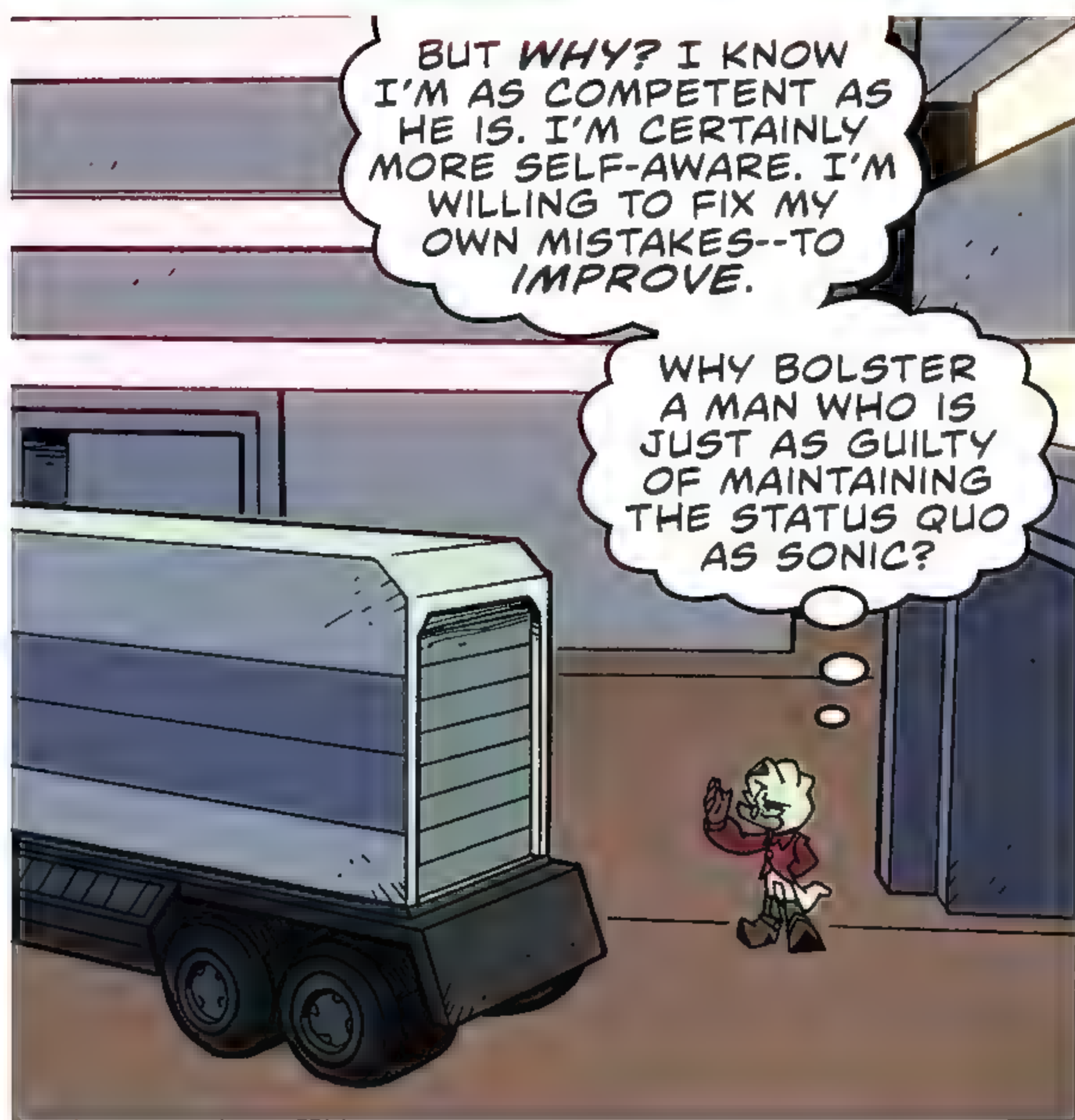
WHILE THE  
EXECUTION WAS FAR  
FROM OPTIMAL, THE  
END RESULTS WERE  
ACHIEVED.

I NOW HAVE A  
FACILITY THAT CAN  
MEET THE DEMANDS  
OF MY GRAND  
VISION.



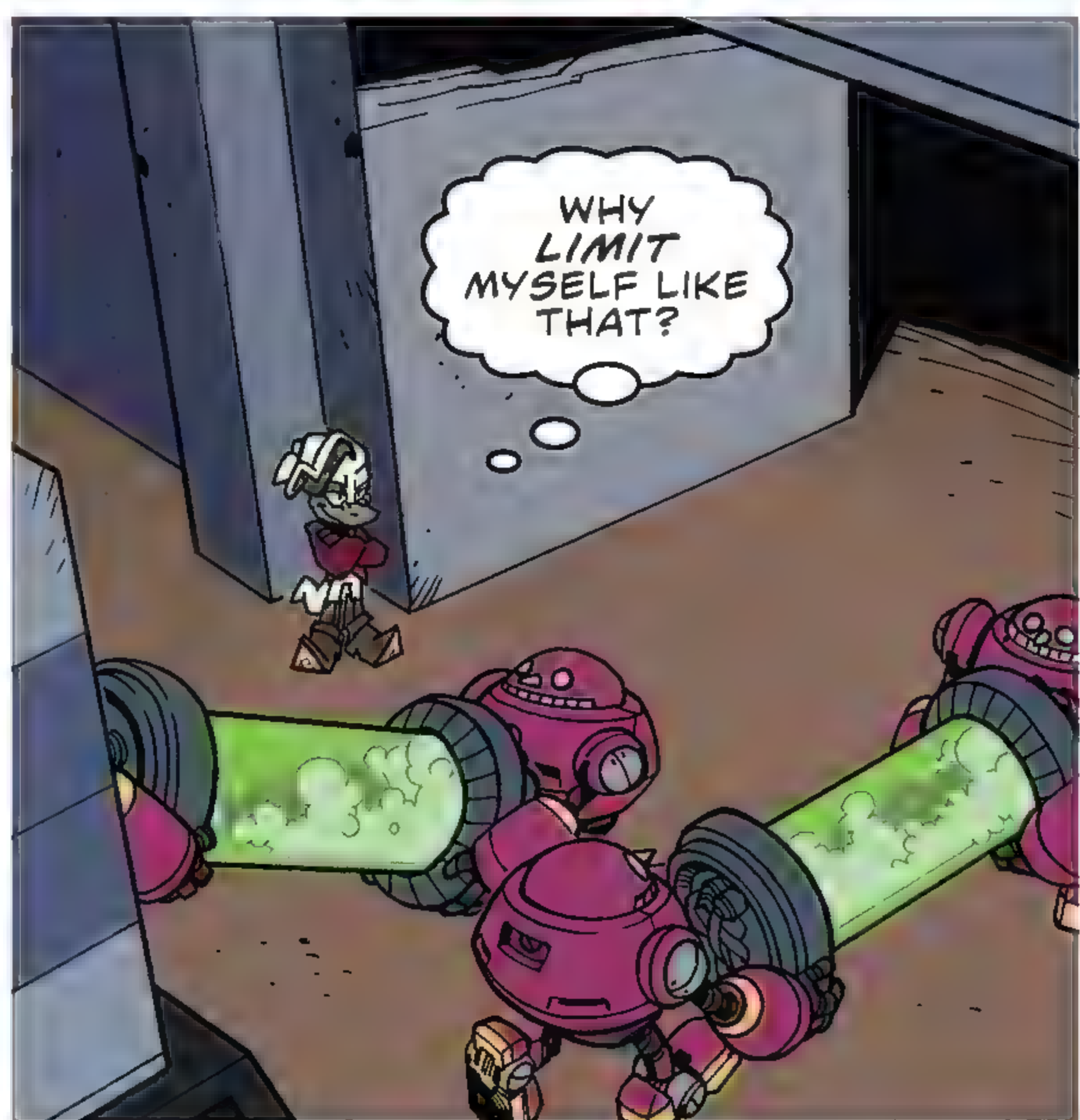
AND THAT VISION  
HAS RECEIVED NEW  
CLARITY. BEFORE I  
WANTED THE MEANS  
TO PROVE MYSELF  
TO DR. EGGMAN.

I WANTED TO  
SHOW HIM I  
WAS WORTHY. I  
NEEDED HIS  
APPROVAL.



BUT WHY? I KNOW  
I'M AS COMPETENT AS  
HE IS. I'M CERTAINLY  
MORE SELF-AWARE. I'M  
WILLING TO FIX MY  
OWN MISTAKES--TO  
IMPROVE.

WHY BOLSTER  
A MAN WHO IS  
JUST AS GUILTY OF  
MAINTAINING  
THE STATUS QUO  
AS SONIC?



WHY  
LIMIT  
MYSELF LIKE  
THAT?





**THE END!**





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**ART DIANA SKELLY**





**ART JACK LAWRENCE** **COLORS LEONARDO ITO**



# SONIC

## LETTERS SQUAD



*Hello, Sonic Squad! Well... the Bad Guys squad didn't last long and now they're off to wreak havoc on their own. Is anyone else really worried about what Starline may have up his sleeve? Thanks for joining Ian Flynn, Jack Lawrence, Leonardo Ito, and Shawn Lee for the finale of Sonic the Hedgehog: Bad Guys! We hope you enjoyed the series as much as we enjoyed making it. Now, let's check out your letters and learn a little more about colorist Leonardo Ito!*

Hi there,

I am a long-time fan of Sonic comics and for the most part, I have been really enjoying the new IDW comics! I did have one concern about the new series, however, that I wanted to ask about. Why aren't there any female villains? New female characters that have been introduced like Tangle, Whisper, and Jewel have already proved themselves to be fantastic heroes and diverse in personality, and the new *Sonic: Bad Guys* mini-series has developed the new villainous characters to be downright incredible! But at this point, every villain they've faced, including Neo Metal Sonic, Eggman, and Clutch and every one in *Bad Guys*, have been male. Which is a lot of characters. Personally, villains are my favorite characters, and I feel like even if female villains are introduced later on, at this time they are missing out on the opportunity to star in *Bad Guys* and some of the founding storylines in this series.

I don't think characters should be created for the sole sake of diversity, but so far, every one of the new additions have been incredible, and I don't see why a female bad guy wouldn't be just as engaging a character. So please, moving forward, can we see some female villains?

Other than that, I think the comics are amazing, and please keep up the good work!

*Hi! Thanks for much for your letter and for voicing your concern. It's clear that you care about Sonic a lot and want to make sure the comic is a welcoming space for all types of folks. We agree, it's important that all genders are equally represented across all types of characters. Male characters are allowed to be power-hungry villains AND goody-two-shoes heroes, so why shouldn't female characters? Amy, Tangle, Whisper, and Jewel are wonderful, but we need more female villains than Zeena. It could be fun to have an evil female character who, just like Starline, has twisted thoughts that readers can dive into. Well, have patience and that imbalance may be righted sooner than you think.*

*Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Bad Guys may be over, but make sure to catch up on Sonic the Hedgehog—you never know when Starline, Zavok, Mimic, Rough, or Tumble may pop up again.*

## CREATOR CORNER: LEONARDO ITO



*1. What part of the Sonic comics do you create?*

I do the coloring.

*2. Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?*

I'm big into visuals, so I'd have to go with Starline. I like how sleek he looks with just a dash of elegance.

*3. How do you take your chili dog?*

Would you believe I never had one? Despite not being a fan of hot dogs, whenever I see someone talking about chili dogs, I feel like trying one out but they don't sell it here in Brazil as far as I know.

*4. How did you first discover Sonic?*

Wallace, my best friend since 2nd grade owned a Mega Drive and was a huge Sonic fan. Growing up I had an SNES so I was naturally more of a Mario fan. On Saturdays, he would come over to my place and we'd spend the entire afternoon playing Mario and other SNES games. On Sundays, I'd go over to his place and we'd do the same with Sonic and other Mega Drive games. I don't remember exactly what was the first Sonic game I played, but that's how I got into it. These days, I can't play 2D Sonic games anymore as my eyes get instantly messed up due to how quickly things move, but I still enjoy the racing games. Team Sonic Racing is my favorite!

*5. What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?*

I think it was *Sonic the Hedgehog* #14. I was asked to fill in for Matt Herms for an issue and things sort of kept going from there.

*6. What's a boring fact about yourself?*

I am way too nerdy about games and technology in general. I enjoy reading, watching, and learning about the technical and business side of it. That isn't that boring, I guess. It becomes boring when I decide to spend upwards of an hour talking about it in excruciating detail to my wife who isn't interested in that but still patiently listens to everything I have to say.

*7. What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?*

Batman comics in general, but if I had to pick one, that'd be the adaptation of Batman Animated Series.

*8. What do you do when you're not drawing working on Sonic?*

I'm usually playing racing games when I'm not working.

*9. What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?*

I don't own anything Sonic-related. I had a period in my life where I'd spend a lot of money on collectibles, but I sold them all away a few years ago and since then I haven't bought anything else.

*10. If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?*

Tails. I think I'd love to have a chat over a hamburger. He seems to be very chill and sweet and I'm drawn to these type of people.

*11. What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?*

Probably a badger. They are cute but cool at the same time.



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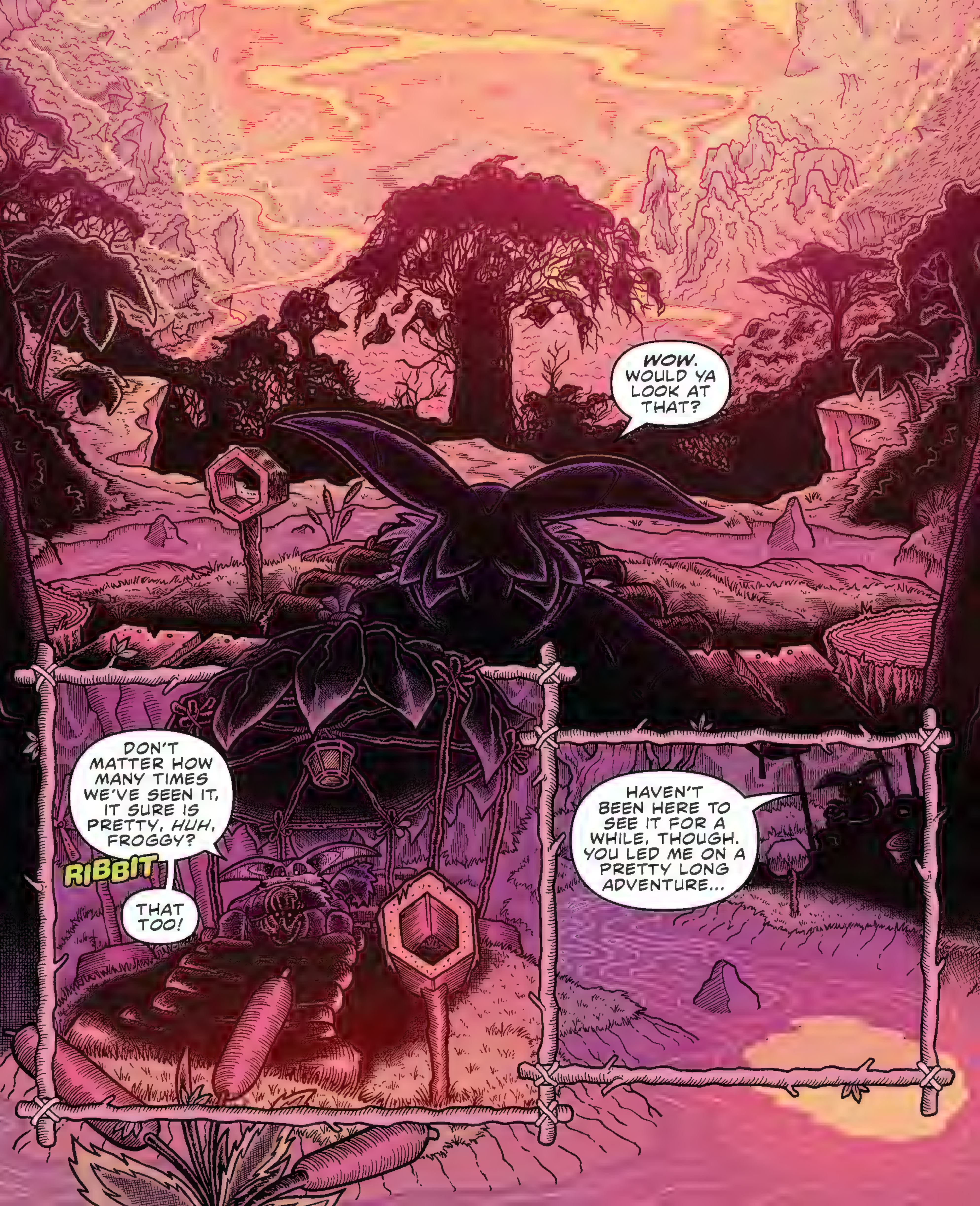
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WOW.  
WOULD YA  
LOOK AT  
THAT?

DON'T  
MATTER HOW  
MANY TIMES  
WE'VE SEEN IT,  
IT SURE IS  
PRETTY, HUH,  
FROGGY?

**RIBBIT**

THAT  
TOO!

HAVEN'T  
BEEN HERE TO  
SEE IT FOR A  
WHILE, THOUGH.  
YOU LED ME ON A  
PRETTY LONG  
ADVENTURE...



"FIRST, YOU LED  
ME ALL THE WAY  
TO VISTA VIEW..."

VISTA  
VIEW SEWERS  
TUNNEL SYSTEM

WHAM!!

HEY, BIG  
GUY!

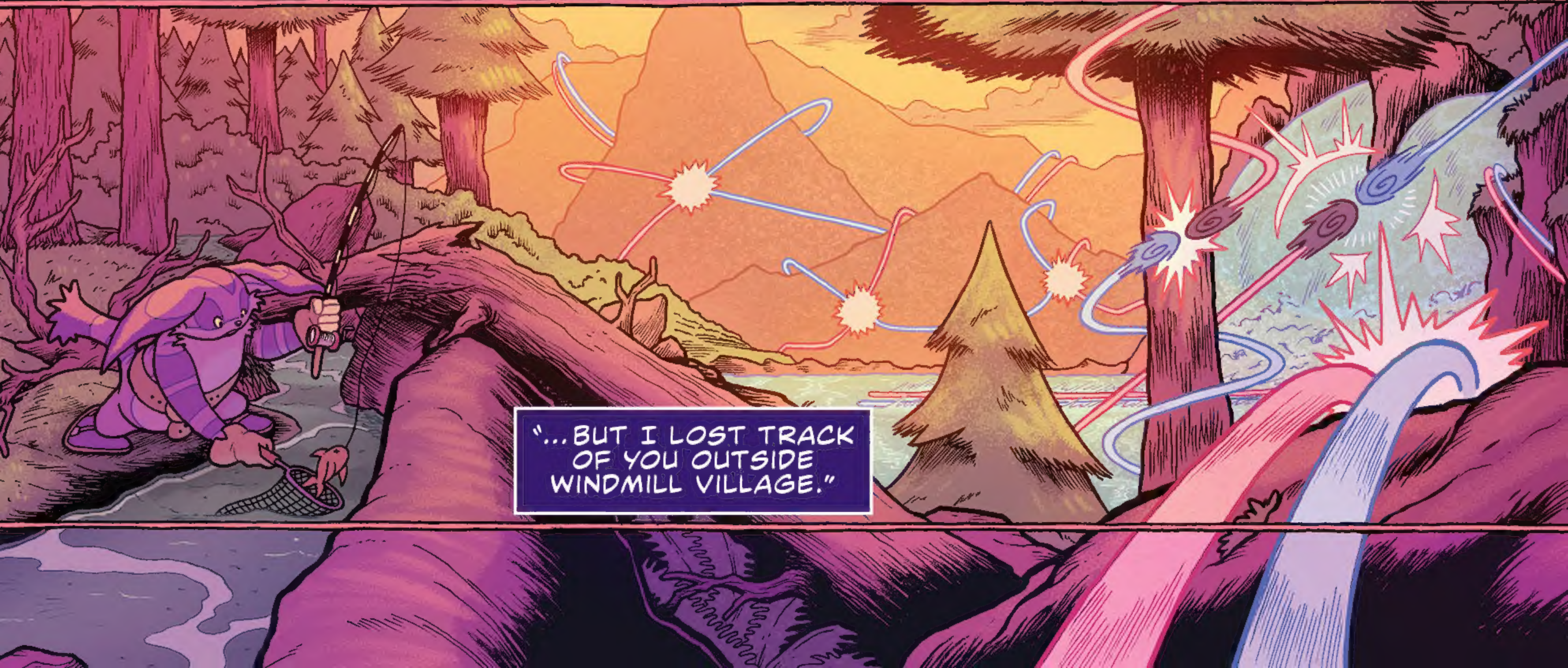
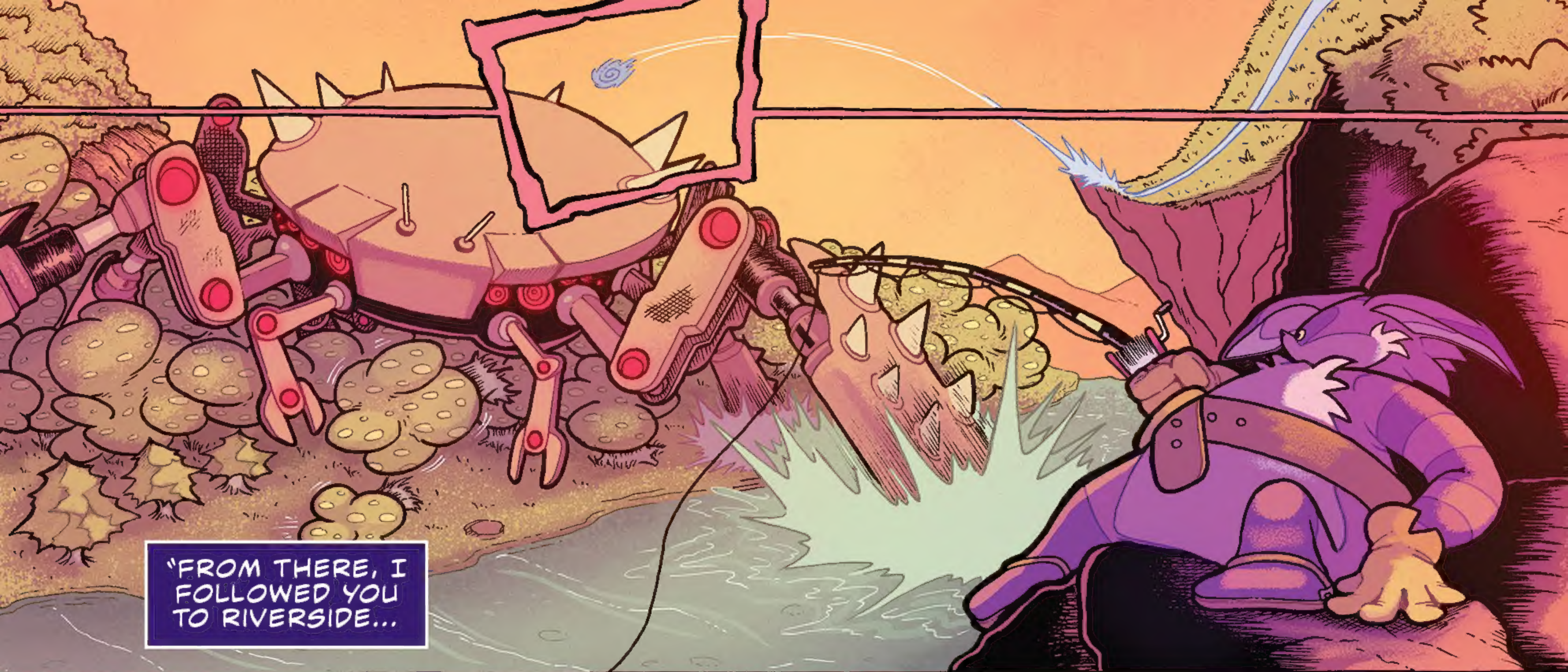
HEY,  
LITTLE  
GUY.

SPANG!

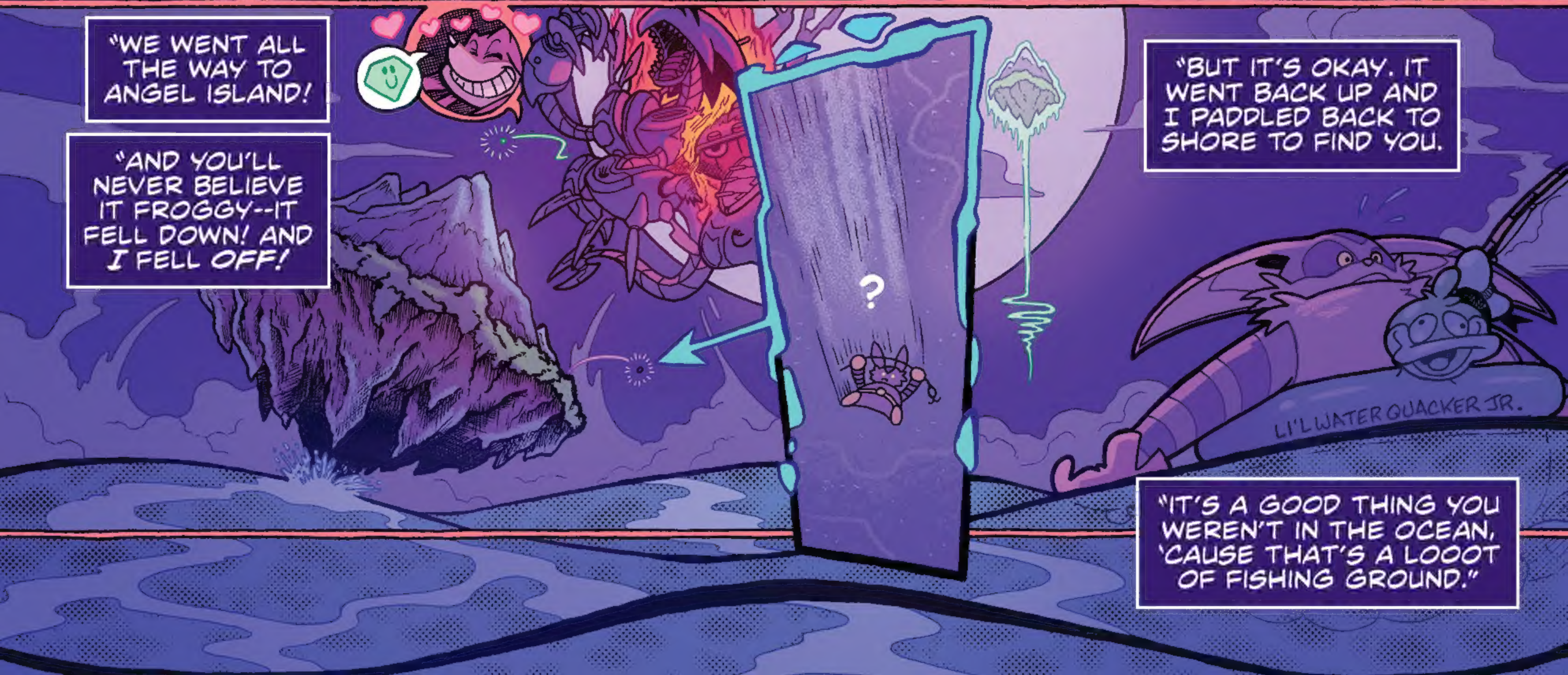
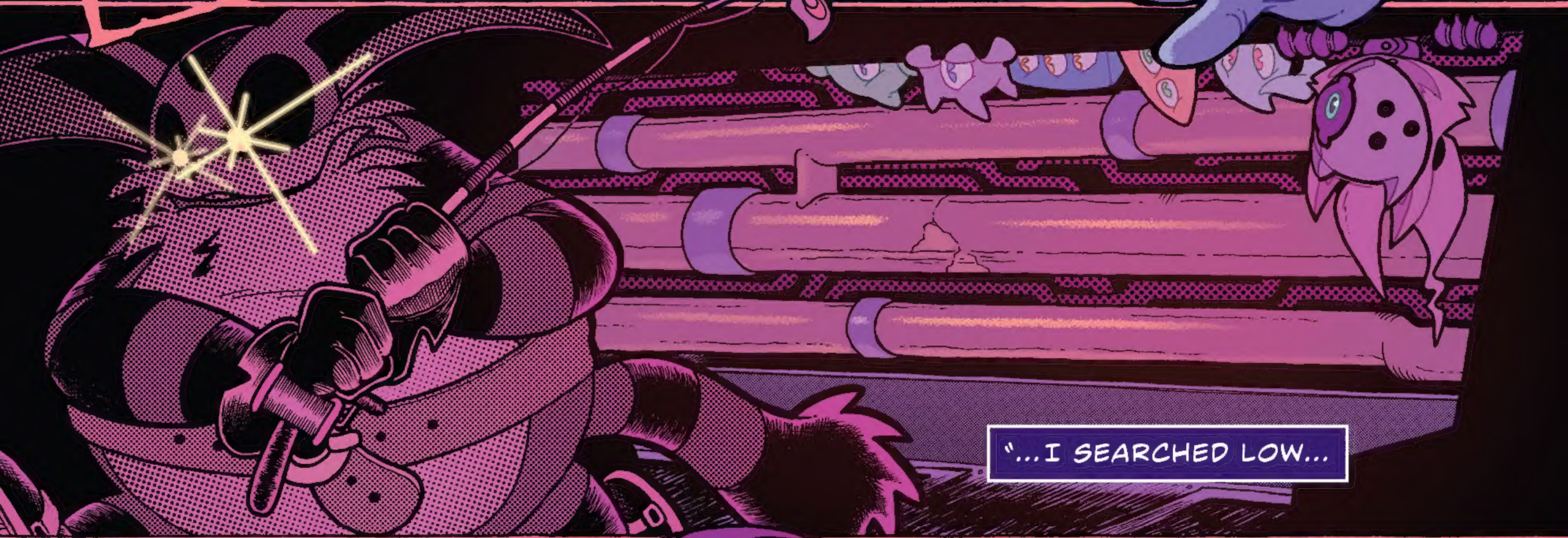
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